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score. We've also done a lot of things in the Revenue Committee on that score. The...what we might call the Warner plan has largely succeeded. But what we have not done, what we've not done is met the public expectation on property tax, property taxes and, the truth is, we will not do so. We won't get there. Because if you talk to people, their idea of property tax relief is a 25 percent reduction, a 30 percent reduction. Talk to a farmer and he'll say, my goal is to have schools paid for by sales and income tax dollars and not property tax. When you ask people what property tax relief is, it's a big number, it's a big percentage, and it's far more than we have ever entertained. Why would I be for LB 881? Because we have allowed this sort of vague overpromising to go on and we've been, at different times, a participant in this vague overpromising. And, frankly, the Governor has said, look, I'll be responsible for the next three years of property tax relief. It's going to be 100 million bucks if we have it, and if we don't have it, it will be less. And, frankly, state of Nebraska, it might be in the range of maybe 2 percent. That's what we've got to spend. And I don't mind sharing responsibility with a Governor who will say, state of Nebraska, property tax relief is spelled in terms of relatively small but valuable relief which will keep your property taxes growing at a rate less than your personal income. So you'll have more of your personal income over time to keep rather than to have your property taxes go up at the same amount that your money is going up, that your disposable income is going up. If we were to be able to do that over time, if we were able to keep property taxes lower than the growth of personal income, than the share of the money we spend for property taxes over time would go down slightly...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...and that's an achievable goal and this is the first three years to do that and, frankly, it says, you're right, this is property tax relief and it's not what you hope for. It is not a slash of 25 percent. It is not the move of a system to fund schools by sales and income tax. It's to take your property taxes and grow them at less than your pocketbook is growing them for the next three years. And when we get to the end of that three years we'll see what we can do next. I have no difficulty sharing the responsibility with the Governor